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## Letter dated 30 August 2000 from the President of the Economic and Social Council to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the supplementary list of items proposed for inclusion on the agenda of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly (A/55/200).

The supplementary list contains an item entitled "World drug problem", the reference for which is cited as Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/16 (Inclusion of international drug control as a topic for the Millennium Assembly and the Millennium Summit of the United Nations). In operative paragraph 1 of that resolution, the Council invited the General Assembly "to include the world drug problem as an item on the agenda of the Millennium Assembly of the United Nations and the Millennium Summit of the United Nations to be held from 6 to 8 September 2000".

In connection with the issuance of the supplementary list, I have today received a letter dated 29 August 2000 from Mr. Pavel Vacek, in his capacity as Chairman of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, noting that there is a recurring item on the agenda of the Assembly entitled "International drug control". It was not, he stated, the intention of the Commission to have two items dealing with drugs considered at the fifty-fifth regular session, but rather to reiterate that the year 2000 represented a "unique and symbolic moment to affirm the need to redouble our efforts to implement Governments' commitment to countering the world drug problem". He therefore suggested, and I would support, that the item entitled "World drug problem" be deleted from the supplementary list. I would be most grateful if the agenda could be amended accordingly.

(*Signed*) Makarim **Wibisono**

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